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STATE OF OREGON INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES
State Historic Preservation Office
Oregon State Parks, Salem, OR 97310



County Jackson
Theme Commercial
Name
(Common) Rogue Elk Hotel
(Historic) Rogue Elk Hotel
Address 27390 Highway 62
Trail, Oregon
Present Owner Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Haselden
Address 27390 Highway 62, Trail, Oregon
Original Use Hotel
Date of Construction 1916

Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:

The Rogue Elk Hotel was built in 1916 and designed by Charles Power, of Medford, Oregon, and financed by W.G. and L.E. McDonald. It is an eclectic structure architecturally, and combines elements of Colonial architecture with the exposed structural elements, and obvious use of wood characteristic of Western Stick style.

Opened as a resort hotel, the Rogue Elk was used commercially for about forty years. It stands on the north side of Highway 62 about halfway between Medford and Crater Lake. It is currently used as a residence by its owners and is in fair condition. Structurally the building remains basically unchanged; some decorative details such as balcony railings and a balustrade need to be replaced. The building is currently occupied by the owners.

The hotel is located on Tax Lot 700, (Assessors Plat 33 IW 36 AA). The Rogue River runs directly across the road from the building. The river is a prominent feature of the landscape and its proximity to the hotel has been and continues to be an advantage. The building is rectangular in shape and has two stories. There are four rooms and a central hall on the first story and ten guest rooms on the second story. A shed addition on the east elevation was added many years ago and is in poor condition. The wood frame structure has four inch lap siding.

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Recorded by Kay Atwood Date May 16, 1979
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Haselden

Sources Consulted:

Medford Mail Tribune, January 5, 1916, July 17, 1916, July 24, 1916
Oral Communication, Gretchen Johnson, (widow of W.G. McDonald) Medford, Oregon. April, 1979

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Township 32 (S) Section 36

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The foundation is composed of large rocks, and shoring built from logs and beams. The roof is flat over the main block of the hotel and gently pitched over a portico. Twenty-six foot columns support the gable above. The main roof is composition; the gable's roof is wood shingled.

A two-tiered veranda surrounds the front and sides of the building. Wide front steps approach the first level. Exposed and extended rafters under the veranda's second level and under the wide eave overhang at the top of the hotel contribute Stick style characteristics. A panelled frieze extends around the front and sides of the top of the portico and the columns themselves are panelled. There are two stone interior chimneys.

Windows are one-over-one light, double hung with plain trim and sills. There are twenty windows in the building and two double glass doors with ten lights each. The front door is wood and has a large glass light and is framed by a transom and sidelights.

The interior of the Rogue Elk retains its original spatial organization. Four rooms downstairs served the public, and ten rooms upstairs accommodated their rest. A large double sided river-rock fireplace weighing ninety tons serves a front room and the original dining room. A dancing room remains downstairs as well as a small office. The interior walls are lath and plaster. Plain trim around doors and windows has a rustic appearance. Wide wood baseboards are in the side rooms. The floors are fir. Stairs to the second level are dark stained wood. It is a closed string stair, dog leg pattern. Three newel posts are positioned along the staircase.

The original park-like surrounding of the hotel has deteriorated. The land remains around the building but needs complete rehabilitation. A restaurant has been constructed on the property and is run by the owners as a family business, and serves local people and tourists.

At the time of the hotel's construction, auto travel was becoming a popular pastime for tourists, sportsmen and valley residents who wished to leave the area for the weekend. It's possible use as a hotel today is a reasonable prospect; Highway 62 still carries thousands of visitors to Crater Lake each year.

The hotel was planned by W.G. McDonald, a Canadian artist after his arrival in Medford in 1914. Charles Power provided the plans and Mr. McDonald and three brothers built the hotel. The Rogue Elk opened on July 22, 1916 under the management of L.E. McDonald. The resort operated for several years but suffered with the stock market crash. Four owners have had the hotel since the mid 1950's.

The Rogue Elk Hotel's significance architecturally is in its unique blend of styles and details. The eclectic result provides Jackson County and Oregon with a very special building. The building's historical significance is tied to its location. The hotel reflects the time when auto travel was just beginning. Brochures advertised the beauty and benefit of travel liesure. Today fishing and hunting parties, Crater Lake tourists and week-end travellers continue to use that road, and the hotels location along the Rogue River and the highway make it a continued viable tourist resource. Stabilization and restoration will preserve the architectural integrity of the building. It is a unique building in Southern Oregon and it's promise warrants retention and eventual use.

JACKSON COUNTY CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL RESOURCE SURVEY

1990 ADDENDUM FORM



T 33S R 1W S 36AA TL 700
 Theme Transportation;Travel
 Common Name Rogue Elk Resort Hotel
 Historic Name Same
 Address 27397 Crater Lake Highway #62
Trail, Oregon 97541
 Present Owner Haselden, Joe/Janet
 Address Route 1, Box 660
Trail, Oregon
 Original Use Hotel
 Present Use Hotel
 Date of Construction 1916
 Ranking: Primary

Date of Photo 12 February 1992 National Register Yes Date 1980
 Negative No. DII:8 Determination of Eligibility Yes Date _____
 Slide No. DC:16 Statewide Inventory Yes

See following pages

Recorded by Clay/Atwood Date 1979/1991

Sources Consulted:

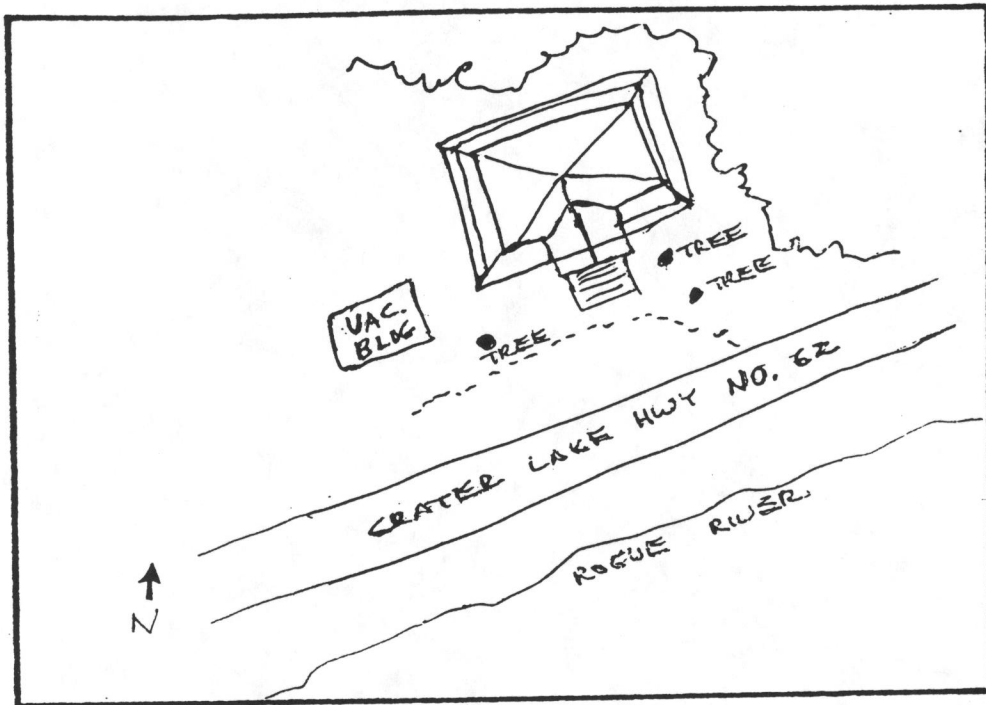
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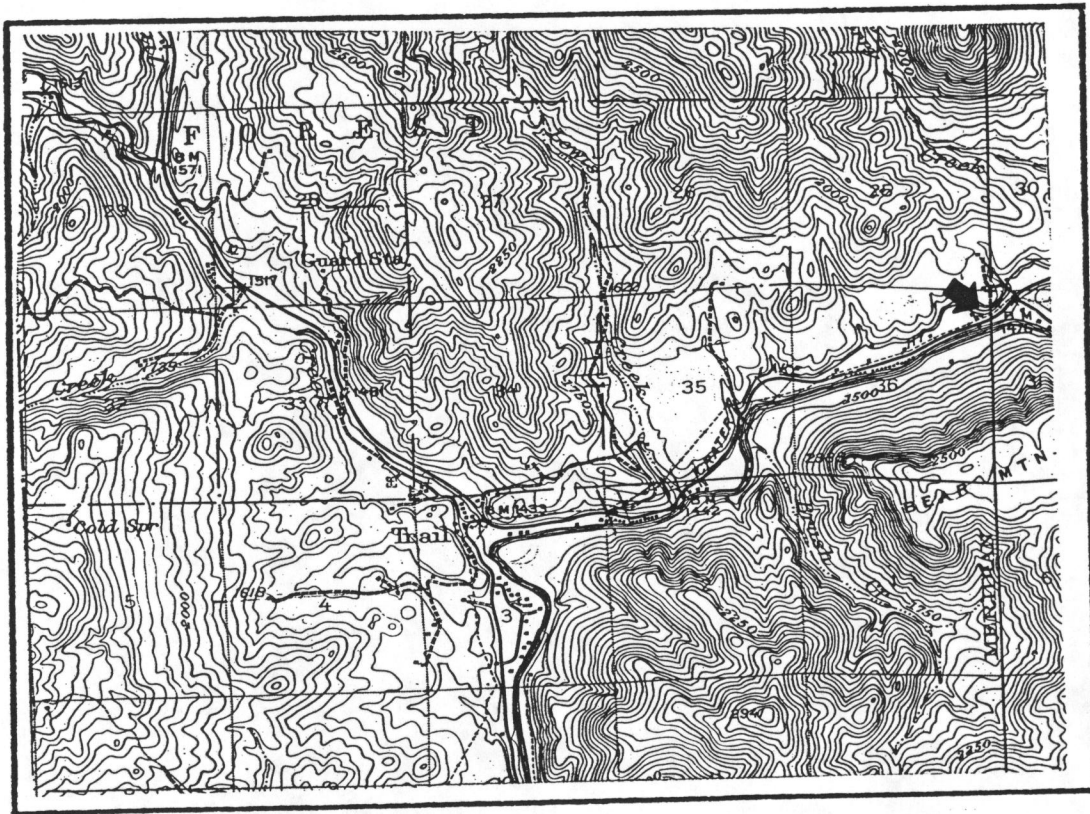
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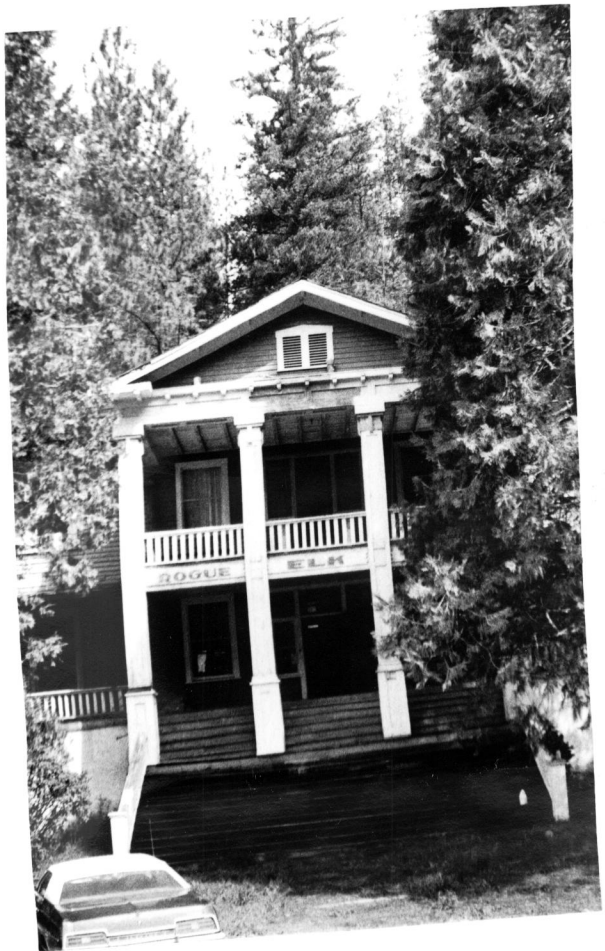


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Physical description of property and statement of historical significance:
 The Rogue Elk Resort Hotel is a two story, wood frame building on a raised basement, located on the north side of Highway #62, near the confluence of Elk Creek and the Rogue River. The building has a square plan and a flat or low hip roof. The Colonial Revival influences of the hotel are the two-level, wrap-around veranda, and the two-story pedimented portico supported by four columns with Ionic capitals. The building originally had a traditional roof balustrade, the design of which was used for the porch railings. The south (front) elevation is graced by a wide flight of wooden stairs leading to the entrance. The hotel has one-over-one, double hung sash windows and a clapboard exterior.
 The Rogue Elk Resort Hotel was completed at a cost of \$20,000 and formally opened July 22, 1916. It was constructed by W. G. and L. E. McDonald on their 600 acre ranch, fronting on the Rogue River. The structure was equipped with electric lighting and a complete water system. The great hall (lobby) had two native stone fireplaces "estimated at weighing ninety tons." The furniture was designed by W. G. McDonald and was made of heavy oak and Indian tanned deer hides.
 The Rogue Elk Resort development was a result, in part, to its location on the road to Crater Lake, a popular tourist attraction, and the interest by the public in the recreational opportunities of resorts offering horse back riding, "natural swimming pools,"

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Recorded by L. Scott Clay Date 17 April 1979
 Photography by Marjorie Edens S.O.H.S., Neg. No. 35mm-44-14 (13-Front and Side Elevation)
 Sources consulted (continue on back if necessary):
 "Fine New Resort on Rogue River Opens Saturday," Medford Mail Tribune, 17 July 1916.
 "The Banks of the Rogue River are lined with Summer Cottages of Medford Folk," Medford Mail Tribune, January 1928.
 Please enclose map. Township 33 N 1 E Section 36AA Tax Lot 700
 more info. All SHPO # 532

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hiking, and "Oregon's famous scenery." Hotels were constructed along the Crater Lake Road and the Rogue River.

The July 17, 1916 Medford Mail Tribune, announcing the grand opening, also stated that the McDonald brothers were "contemplating building a suspension bridge across the Rogue, in the near future, and parking (landscaping) 20 acres for summer cottages and a general camp ground." This development known as "Peter Pan Camp" occurred during the early 1920's. A group of rustic riverside cabins were built for several Medford families. This is now the location of Rogue-Elk Park, a county maintained public facility.